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This communication pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is being filed in response to the final Office Action dated August 24, 2005.

The Claims are reflected in the list of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims have not been further amended.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.